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**Message for U.S. Citizens**

Dated: December 7, 2011

Dear U.S. citizens:

For your information please read below and [the attached information](#) from the Federal Voting Assistance Program ([www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)), thank you.

Regards,

Merida Consular Section

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**SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION AND BALLOT REQUEST FORM FOR UPCOMING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2012 PRIMARIES**

Voting Assistance Officers should contact voters from these States and inform them of the need to act soon. Refer them to FVAP.gov web portal and assist them in requesting and returning their absentee ballot.

**Register to Vote and Request Your Ballot**

Submit your registration/ballot request form (FPCA) timed according to your State's election date requirements as listed below for the January, February and March 2012 Presidential Preference Primaries (P), and State Primaries (S):

The Following States allow you to submit a registration/ballot request form (FPCA) now for the 2012 Primary. NOTE: to ensure your request is valid for other 2012 elections, including the November General Presidential election, you must submit ANOTHER FPCA after December 31st!

- \* New Hampshire (P): January 10
- \* South Carolina (P): January 21

The following States allow you to submit a registration/ballot request form (FPCA) now, which will be valid through the 2012 November Presidential election.

- \* Florida (P): January 31
- \* Missouri (Republican P): February 7 - NOTE: No delegates to the Republican National Convention will be selected based on the outcome of this primary.
- \* Arizona (P): February 28
- \* Georgia (P): March 6
- \* Ohio (S): March 6
- \* Oklahoma (P): March 6
- \* Tennessee (P): March 6
- \* Texas (P,S): March 6
- \* Virginia (P): March 6
- \* Alabama (P,S): March 13
- \* Mississippi (P,S): March 13
- \* Louisiana (P,S): March 24

For the following States, the registration/ballot request form (FPCA) is valid only in the year it is submitted. To ensure your request is valid for all elections in 2012 submit a registration/ballot request form (FPCA) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after December 31st.

- \* Michigan (P): February 28
- \* Massachusetts (P): March 6
- \* Vermont (P): March 6
- \* Illinois (P,S): March 20

Go to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) and get started! It only takes a few minutes!

All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents from these States should submit an FPCA for these elections by going to the [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) web portal or by following the instructions in the Voting Assistance Guide, also available at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov).

Be sure you include an email address, phone number, and/or fax number on your absentee ballot application in case your local election official needs to contact you. Remember, many States allow you to submit your form electronically, and deliver your ballot electronically or provide online ballot access. Go to [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) or your State's election website to see how you can return your form.

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office at <http://www.fvap.gov/shortcuts/wheresendfpca.html>, or visit your State website.

Vote the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) The FWAB is a backup ballot. If 30 days before the election (or longer based on your geographic location) you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to vote and return it, (especially in January Primary States) vote the FWAB at FVAP.gov. The FWAB is also available in embassies and consulates and military installations around the world.

You may submit the FWAB any time after submitting an FPCA.

#### Additional information

Check your State's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information and links to your local election offices. Find your State's website via FVAP's web portal:

<http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html>.

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FVAP can be contacted at 1-800-438-8683. Citizens may reach FVAP toll-free from 67 countries by using the toll-free numbers listed on the FVAP web portal,

<http://www.fvap.gov/contact/index.html>. Questions regarding the above may also be referred to the Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC, 20301-1155, [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov), and at FVAP.gov. And don't forget to "like" us Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP](http://www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP) and follow @FVAP on Twitter.